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Maryland Department of the Environment approves Capacity Management Plan

CENTREVILLE, MD-January 10, 2005 – The Town of Centreville's Capacity Management Plan was approved today in a letter received from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). MDE required the Plan as part of the Consent Order issued May 4, 2004 in order to ensure adequate sewer capacity when the Town issues building permits.

The Capacity Management Plan provides for allocation of available sewer capacity in the Town over a two-year period. Centreville's new wastewater treatment plant is permitted for 500,000 gallons per day, and current average daily flows are approximately 340,000 gallons per day. The Plan allocates the remaining 160,000 gallons over such uses as residential, commercial and institutional while including a margin of safety of 20,000 gallons.

Acceptance of the Capacity Management Plan is only the first step in the lifting of the moratorium on new building permits. MDE continues to evaluate information about the operations of the new wastewater treatment plant and spray field operations before the Town will be allowed to issue permits. The Town is currently finalizing testing on the spray field facilities in preparation of beginning full spray operations March 1st.

The Town continues to issue permits as provided for in their Request for Interim Relief. Up to 17,600 gallons per day of flow was authorized by MDE under the approval issued November 9, 2004. The primary purpose of the Request for Interim Relief was to address situations where people had already entered into contracts for new homes when the moratorium went into place. 33 of the 43 residential building permits provided in the Interim Relief have been issued.

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